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1. Up to the fall of 1950, no flying activity was observed over Tokol (C 40/H 40) airfield. In the fall of 1950, two jet-propelled aircraft were regularly observed on training flights over the field. They flew at a speed approximately equal to that of the Me-109s. The planes were never observed over the city of Budapest itself.
2. Since March 1951, the number of aircraft observed flying had steadily increased. Initially, formations of six were seen, but after May 1951, formations of 12 and 18 aircraft were seen. Flying continued from morning till night. In mid-May 1951, 36 aircraft were once observed flying at the same time at a speed far greater than that of the planes observed in the fall of 1950. The aircraft allegedly belonged to the Soviet Air Force and were said to be operated by Soviet pilots.
3. The jet-propelled aircraft observed were swept-back mid-wing planes with noticeably high tail assemblies, landing gears retracting inwards, nosewheels retracting rearwards, and one-man crews. They were silver-gray, had red stars on their rudder assemblies and rearward thirds of their fuselages and [REDACTED]

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The report supports the previous assumption that a jet fighter unit is stationed at Tokol airfield. [REDACTED] From the description of the planes it is believed that they were MiG-15s. However, this field may also have been occupied by aircraft of other types not observed by source.

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